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Dew Drop Writes from The Colony of Ex-Collinites in Southern Texas.

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We are having a breath of your severe North Texas weather down here now.

Among the late arrivals here from Collin are R. L. and H. L. Knott.

A hunting party of eleven persons have just returned from the piny woods. They brought down 9 deer during their trip.

A negro was killed on the streets of Hempstead last week. His slayer is a prominent citizen.

G. H Helton, J. L. Mays and Bud Lawrence paid Houston a business visit last week. They returned with a big supply of groceries.

We are waiting longingly for a communication to appear in the dear old DEMOCRAT from Climax and Lokey.

SOUTHERN DEW DROP.

Died of Cancer

Mrs. Emma Bryant, wife of W. M. Bryant, died at her home 3 miles south of McKinney, of cancer. She was a daughter of J. P. Griffin of this city and leaves a husband and five children to mourn her untimely loss. She was a devout member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Rev. Hornbeak of that denomination conducted her funeral rites next day at Walnut Grove, where the burial took place.

For the first time in the history of the public school, the senior class has asked to be permitted to write and read, each month, an essay. The teachers were only too glad to grant their request, since heretofore such drill has been enacted rather than permitted.

On last Friday the first of the series was read, and the program was otherwise rendered interesting and instructive by recitations by pupils of the first, second, third, sixth and eighth grades.

Several visitors were present, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

The following read essays: Josie Faires, Allie Ware, Midge Ferguson, Nettie Calloway, Norma Page, Daisy Gerrish, Bessie Hamilton, Sadie Dowell, Pearl Moore, Carrie Nelson, Oliver Wolcott, Owen Tucker, Nannie Moore, Ella Felton, Lutie Anderson, and Ethel Burch.

The following from other grades declaimed: Lillie Barnes, Dadie Killingsworth, Blanch Davis, Ethel Varner, and Ethel Abernathy.

The essays were well written, and the recitations well delivered.

The next program will present a greater variety of entertainment.

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Site Located.

The committee of councilmen to select a site for the artesian well accepted a lot from H. A. McDonald last week. Mr. McDonald generously donated the lot, which is situated adjacent to the S. S. & S. railway in the southeast part of town, without any restrictions whatever. This site is more desirable than the one first accepted from the Mill as it is nearer the standpipe and will, consequently, require less force to pump to same.

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NEW YEAR THOUGHTS

THE OLDEST AND MOST WELCOME OF ALL HOLIDAYS.

The Philosophy of Good Resolutions. Present Giving — New Year's Calls — A Better Wish Than "A Happy New Year." A Touch of Sympathy.

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New Year's day is the oldest holiday that we know anything about. It has been celebrated by the Jews, the Egyptians, the Chinese and the ancient Romans in different ways, of course, but it has always been more or less a festal occasion. The day, commemorating what was supposed to be the first day of the year, has varied as to date, Christmas day, the Annunciation (March 25), Easter day and March 1 having been observed at different times. It was not until after the middle of the fourteenth century that Jan. 1 was universally accepted as the opening of the year. The celebration of New Year's has been observed by all religions from time immemorial, long antedating history. As a holiday it is thought to be at least 8,000 to 10,000 years old. What first gave rise to it is beyond knowledge, but it is conjectured that it had its origin in superstition connected with the sense of newness, which has appealed to the mind in all ages as emblematic of hope, expectancy and desirableness.

The custom, so common in this country, of making good resolutions on New Year's day, only to break them later, is by no means peculiar to Americans. It is characteristic of the average weakness of mankind. All of us prefer to do what we want to rather than what we ought, and we compromise with our consciences by declaring that we will reform at the beginning of the year, though we usually have no reason to believe that we shall, as if the mere declaration were a kind of virtue. Many men resolve to do better, to be better, regularly at the recurrence of every Jan. 1, nor do they appear to be in the least discouraged that they have returned after a few weeks to their old ways, to their objectionable habits. They still keep up the assumption of reforming, imagining that a promise to themselves is more likely to be kept if made on New Year's, notwithstanding their continuous disproval of the likelihood. This is sheer superstition, as are the ill luck of Friday and the propitiousness of Sunday. Jan. 1 is doubtless associated with a deal of superstition, even in the last quarter of the nineteenth century, which is far worse in its effect than any amount of pleasure seeking.

Fifty years ago it was the general custom in the United States, particularly in the west and south, to give presents (the old name for them is handsels) at New Year's to kindred, friends and even ordinary acquaintances. The custom had come down from ancient times and is still preserved in many parts of the old world, but in the new it has grown obsolete, because present making here is carried to excess and has become a serious tax. Its discontinuance is to be commended. All present making should be voluntary, not in any manner binding, as it is apt to be if regulated by fixed dates. Christmas is an exception, but to give presents again the week following is excessive, wearisome, often inconvenient. It wholly spoils the spirit of what should be a pleasant surprise, a delicate attention, an unexpected courtesy.

In no quarter of the globe is so much made of New Year's as in China. There its observation occupies several days, sometimes a whole week. It is the most popular and noisy of festivals, surpassing that of the Dragon Boats, the Feast of Lanterns, the Fishermen or any other public parade and national rejoicing. The people are very fond of shows and processions, and on that special occasion they carry thousands of lanterns, burn fireworks, explode crackers, play all sorts of pranks and games in the narrow streets, beat gongs, shout and sing in their high, shrill voices until they make of every sizable town a perfect pandemonium. They are ordinarily so reserved and quiet, like orientals generally, that New Year's impresses foreigners as if the entire population had suddenly and irredeemably gone mad.

New Year's calls by men on their man friends continue to be made in most of our cities, though they almost entirely and suddenly ceased in the metropolis some 12 years ago. They will not probably be revived in this generation at least. They originated there, so far as this country is concerned, at the time of the Dutch settlement of the town, and yet New York was the first city to relinquish them. Old Knickerbockers were not, as many suppose the first to introduce the social custom importing it from Holland. It has been in existence for hundreds and hundreds of years and in lands that we consider uncivilized.

The smart set of New York, who first frowned down New Year's visits, refusing to receive on that day, now emphasize their opposition by closing their town houses and going to their country seats for a week or two. This has become the fashion.

Although most of us feel when we are wished "a happy New Year" that it sounds a bit satirical we know that it is polite, even if it means nothing. And then as we wish those who wish it to us exactly the same thing we are conscious of having discharged a courtesy. Even if we knew we were to be miserable we should relish kind wishes, so fond are we of deceiving ourselves. Self deceit is what the mass of us live on.

Wouldn't it be better for us instead of wishing our friends "a happy New Year" to wish them "a happier New Year than the old one has been?" That we might easily have, and as happiness in any strict sense does not come to the human family it would seem sincere, less like an empty phrase and would convey a touch of sympathy.

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"	No 4	5:25 p. m.
"	Cotton Ball	10:05 p. m.

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Passenger leaves ... 10:22 a. m.

A BLACK LION'S SKIN.

A NEW YEAR'S ADVENTURE IN ALGIERS BY FRED A. OBER.

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The best shooting in Algiers may be had about New Year's, and if one start out early in January, armed with a permis de chasse—a legal permit to hunt—a good guide and an Arab stallion he can bag partridge, snipe and woodcock galore and in certain districts chance a crack at a panther, perhaps a lion.

There is more or less of good hunting throughout the "Tell," between the coast range and the sea, but the cream of it is to be found in the province of Constantine, not far from the great desert and among the foothills of the Aures mountains. In this province resides a mixed race of people, with the blood of ancient Byzantines, Romans and Vandals in their veins and boasting the most stalwart men and the handsomest women in all Africa, perhaps in the world.

While even the Bedouins, those fierce sons of the desert, have been subdued by the French and are now governed by cadis appointed by the conquerors, these north African Vandals have maintained

SHE WOUND HER BARE, ROUND ARMS ABOUT MY NECK.

their freedom and their ancient village rights. Among them even now falconry, that rare sport of the middle ages, is pursued with vigor, though only the high caste chiefs are allowed to indulge in it.

Coming down from Constantine, that famous city of the early Christian bishops of Africa, four of us, all Americans, dropped off at Guelma, once the stamping ground of Gerard the Lion Killer. Hardly 40 years have elapsed since this intrepid Frenchman, Cecile Jules Basile Gerard, an officer of the Algerian army of occupation, slew, single handed, scores of lions in this very district.

The king of beasts even now occasionally ranges the hills and ravages the herds and flocks of this section. He is seen just often enough to give a spice of adventure to the pursuit of smaller game and to send a nervous chill up and down one's spine when he hears an unusual rumpus in the woods. And this brings me around to my story.

We had put in a good day's shooting and were gathered at the little inn, half cafe and half foudouk, comparing notes and awaiting impatiently the coming of our dinner. The proprietor of this "hotel de l'oasis" had once lived in New Orleans and was more than delighted to entertain his erstwhile countrymen who had come to shoot far from the land he loved so well and where he had spent the days of his rollicking youth, and so he served us with the best he had.

It was with the consciousness that we had in prospective a dinner which could not be duplicated between Guelma and Paris and with a most bountiful supply of crude material in reserve that we sent for the commander of the irregular spahis stationed at this point. And that he appreciated fully the courtesy and the dinner we discovered long before the cloth was removed and the cigars and coffee brought in. How could he serve us most acceptably, he asked. Why, we answered, by telling us a story, of course, some tale of adventure, of skirmish with Bedouins, moonlight meetings with African lions or something of that sort. We had often heard that the life of a spahis commander was full of adventure and trusted his had been no exception.

"No, messieurs," he replied thoughtfully, even sadly, "I have not been spared adventure. 'Tis true I have encountered many a rumba, have chanced upon many fine lions, killed I many for a space lost in reverie. We then noticed, showing through the close cropped hair of his head, a long, semilunar scar, which seemed to glow with the intensity of his emotions, and at sight of it we all clutched at the idea that in some manner this reminder of a terrible wound was connected with our friend's experience with the lions.

None of us, however, dared ask the question that might elicit a solution of the mystery, but we had hopes, for, though this veteran of many wars was by nature discreet and reticent, yet our wines were the very best to be had in Algiers, and we did not spare any efforts to have him drink them. Under ordinary circumstances you couldn't have drawn a story out of him with a corkscrew, but this New Year's dinner was not an ordinary occasion, and the champagne that followed the last portion of woodcock on toast was the finest the Widow Clicquot ever sent out from her caves.

"Long live the widow!" we all ejaculated with fervor, which awoke our captain from his reverie, and he joined in, "Oui, vive la veuve!" We primed his glass anew, and he began his tale of adventure:

"It was about 15 years ago. I was then newly appointed to this post, and, being a young man, full of fire and nerve, my blood was boiling over with a desire to fight and also, perhaps, with a desire of another sort, and so of course, being young and ardent and there being no other damsels here than the fair Vandalese, it fell out that one of them captured my heart, or at least my inclination.

"She was (you have seen the type and know it to be beautiful in a wild, barbaric way) a handsome, spirited woman, and the fame of her beauty was wide throughout the region from here to Tunis. Why she favored me was not clear to me then because my countrymen were not liked at that time, and besides she had been sought in marriage by some of the richest sheiks and cadis of her people. Still, she appeared to love me in a savage, uncontrollable fashion, and the greater portion of my pay was spent in purchasing for her those gewgaws and golden ornaments the women of her tribe are so inordinately fond of.

I was surely in her toils, her most willing, even abject, slave, for she had fascinated me and I thought I loved her. Perhaps I did love her. Truly my passion was strong, and for the sake of keeping her love an exclusive possession I had fought three duels with sword and spear before I had reigned three months as her lord. My last opponent, a fine young Arab, I mortally wounded, though I had not so intended, but his onset was fierce, and he was so rash and headstrong I had to meet him on the point of my lance. He fell from his horse, and as I bent over to raise him he gasped out: "Think not I am the last. The real favorite of Fatima is Abdul Said. He has sworn to kill you. Beware of him." Then the blood poured from his mouth and he died.

I did not mind fighting with Abdul Said, whom I knew by sight, but he was a slippery rascal, who always avoided an open encounter, and I soon became aware that he was awaiting a good opportunity for sticking me in the back. Thus matters stood at the opening of the winter of 1882. The height of the hunting season was near, and on Christmas week I prepared to have a foray in the fields. My mistress observed my preparations without comment, but when finally, just as I was ready to be off, I asked her what I should bring back from the hunt worthy of her acceptance she brightened up and showed a genuine interest in the affair.

"There is one thing I desire of all things on earth," she said, speaking slowly and steadily, "but it is something you dare not attempt."

"Dare not?" I asked, with a show of indignation. "Have I ever shown fear of danger since you knew me? But why 'dare' not? What is there to fear?"

She shrugged her shoulders, smiled an inscrutable smile, and turning away her head so that I could not look into her eyes she said, "I know—you have proved to me—that you fear not man, but what I desire is guarded by one whom all men fear."

"Name it!" I cried. "You shall have it, though fiends and devils guarded it, my beloved!"

She wound her bare, round arms about my neck and whispered in my ear, "Bring me, then, the skin of the black lion of Guelma."

Behind that ridge, my friends—you can see it without leaving your seats—is a broad plateau known as the Lions'

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LANDED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF ME.

Pleasure grounds. There roamed the kings of the plain and the forest, and conspicuous of them all was the great black lion of Guelma. I had often heard of him. His fame was widespread, for he had killed more than a score of Arabs within the twelvemonth past.

There was something in her manner that piqued me, but before I unwound her arms from about my neck I pressed a fervent kiss upon her lips and then said: "Very well. You shall have what you desire. Two days hence at this hour I shall bring it to you."

She remained silent, but looked at me incredulously, and this vexed me so that I strode away without another word. Within the hour I was on my way across the plain with two trusty spahis attendant and mounted upon a white Arabian noted for his fleetness.

It was a moonlit night, but cloudy. Along about 2 in the morning one of my men, who was watching, stretched on the slope of a rock, his long gun pointed toward the forest beyond, thought he saw a great form creeping through the underbrush and heard soft though heavy footsteps. He drew back and crept to the spot where I was sleeping, my head on my saddle, and touched me with the butt of his gun. I was awake and erect in an instant.

"Master," he whispered, "the lion—he comes!"

Hearing nothing, I was about to chide him for his fears when the air was rent by a roar that shook the earth as though all the thunderclaps of heaven had united in one grand outburst. Yes, the very earth trembled, and I am afraid I did also, but I reached for my carbine—which was a repeater of very large bore—girded my saber about me, loosened my revolvers in my belt and crept toward the rock behind which my spahi had been crouching.

The man followed me tremblingly and unwillingly, poor fellow, but his companion luckily ran the other way. I had nearly reached the rock when, suddenly leaping out of the gloom beyond, came the form of the beast we were hunting and landed directly in front of me. Raising his enormous head, he emitted a roar that seemed to split the sky.

I was for the moment transfixed, but my spahi began to crawl back on the trail. I quickly recovered myself, however, and for the life of me, though I knew my life was at stake, I could not resist taking a shot at the terrible beast towering above me there, his nose in the air. To tell the truth, there was nothing else to do, as running away would be as dangerous as lying still, for the lion can overtake at running anything but the swiftest stallion.

So I pointed the muzzle of my carbine straight at his throat and drove a bullet into him. The effect was startlingly instantaneous for almost without deigning to crouch for the spring the lion launched himself directly into the air. As he passed over me I sped another bullet into his belly, but he kept on and landed flat upon my spahi, crushing him to the ground. The poor wretch cried out in smothered tones for help, and I had not the heart to run away and leave him there without at least an attempt at rescue. So I crept forward, intending to press the carbine against the lion's heart and kill him on the spot. I reached his side and thrust out the weapon, but as I fired the raging beast reached out a paw and swept it across my head, tearing the scalp away and leaving a flap of it hanging over my forehead.

I was blinded by the streaming blood and became unconscious before I could drag my man from his perilous position. When I regained my senses, it was to find the surviving spahi by my side and the forest illumined by the rising sun. The lion, he told me, though probably wounded unto death, had dragged his comrade away into the wood, whither he had not dared to follow him.

After he had placed my scalp in position and bandaged it, the flow of blood being already stanched, I insisted upon following up the trail, and, as I expected, we found the lion and his victim just within the forest verge, both dead, the man mutilated beyond all recognition. Following my directions, my spahi stripped the lion of his skin and placed it across the horse which had borne our dead comrade to the fatal spot. I sent a detachment to bury the soldier later, but hastened with my trophy to the fort, where my wound was soon dressed, and the skin became the center of a wondering throng of very grateful Arabs.

The French commander hid his face in his hands. When he looked up, there was in his eyes an expression of hate. The crescentic scar was crimson.

"No," he replied to our eager, questioning looks, "Fatima did not get the skin of the black lion of Guelma.

"Why did she not get them? Oh, she had eloped with Abdul Said!"

A Reminder.

A FEMALE MEMBER.

EVERY GANG OF COUNTERFEITERS HAS CONTAINED A WOMAN.

It Is a Weakness of the Sex, and They Are Frequently Very Clever—Some of the Women Who Have Been Convicted of Making and Passing "Queer" Money.

Women have a weakness for counterfeiting. The first person ever executed for that crime was a woman. She was an English woman named Barbara Spencer and was put to death in 1731 for making false shillings. She was strangled and burned at the stake. Curiously enough, her accomplices were acquitted.

Nancy Kidd was one of the most remarkable female counterfeiters ever known in this country. She belonged to a family of noted forgers. She carried on her nefarious trade for more than 30 years in Chicago, and was arrested there many times. On one of these occasions a lot of fiber paper was discovered on her person. The government officials were completely at a loss to know how she had obtained this. Finally she confessed that a chemical solution had been used to wash the faces of the notes and make them perfectly clean. Thus she was in the habit of taking $1 bills and changing them into larger denominations. The government authorities released her in return for this valuable information and for telling them what the solution was. However, they had her shadowed by detectives and finally caught her with $17,000 worth of counterfeit money in a box. She was found guilty upon seven different indictments for counterfeiting and was sentenced to eight years in the state prison, where she finally died.

One of the cleverest tricks ever played on Uncle Sam was invented by a woman who lived in Philadelphia. Her plan was to take $10 and $20 goldpieces and with a small drill worked by steam power to bore out the insides and then refill them with some base metal, being very careful that they should weigh exactly the right amount when she had finished. This she accomplished by drilling through the milled edge of the coin, and then, after filling the hole, cover it with a little of the extracted gold. In this way she made $7.50 on every eagle and about $16 on every double eagle. The officials of the secret service say that this is the safest device ever invented for cheating the treasury.

Counterfeiting is very apt to run in families. This, of course, is natural, as a father brings up his son or daughter to follow his profession. Women who would otherwise be good are often led into this sort of crime by marrying men who carry it on as a business. But sometimes it works the other way—women teach their husbands how to make false money. This is what happened when Ben Boyd married Mary Ackerman of Indiana. Her father was one of the most successful counterfeiters of his day and his daughter, by reason of her acquaintance with the art, Mrs. Boyd carefully taught her husband all the secrets of the trade, and he became one of the most famous forgers of the age.

They carried on the business with such a high degree of skill that they were not captured for years, and when at last the secret service Hawkshaws could run them down not a single counterfeit plate, note or coin was found in their possession. When their house was searched, $2,000 in good money was found. This small amount was all the money they had accumulated during all their years of crime. Of course the officers could not touch it. Sufficient evidence was secured to convict them, and they were sent to prison. They both claimed to be converted while in state prison, and after their release settled in Chicago, where they apparently lived an honest life.

A case that annoyed the secret service very much was that of a woman who employed a clever dodge. She went to a large shop and selected a valuable shawl. To pay for this she handed the clerk a United States treasury note for $1,000. He took the money and disappeared, not returning for several minutes. When he came back, she asked him why he had kept her waiting, and he confessed that he had taken the bill to a bank near by to be sure that it was good. She pretended to be very angry and said that she would not buy the shawl on any account and walked out of the shop. A little later in the day she returned and said that as she could not find any other shawl that suited her as well in the other shops she had decided to take it in spite of the insult offered her. She gave him the $1,000 bill, and, getting the shawl and the change, left the shop. The owner of the shop afterward discovered that the note he finally accepted was a counterfeit. The first bill had been good, but on her return she gave him the false one, which was a wonderfully clever imitation. The secret service was much agitated about this and several others of the $1,000 bills which turned up, but they have since captured the plates.

Practically every gang of counterfeiters ever arrested has had women associates. In the office of the secret service in Washington there is a large frame, 4 feet square, filled with the photographs of women who have either made or passed false money. Men almost always employ their wives or daughters for the purpose of "shoving" their counterfeits.—Washington Post.

Set Out Trees In the Spring.

Spring is a better time to set trees than fall, because at that season trees are beginning to grow and will, therefore, be in a condition to respond more readily to treatment, while in fall they are unlikely to establish themselves before cold weather sets in. Preserve the roots to the fullest possible extent and do not disturb the tree until after it has ripened and has shed its foliage. If the roots are cut away, as they almost invariably are in spring planting, be sure to cut back the top proportionately.—Eben E. Rexford in Ladies' Home Journal.

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A fact often overlooked, or not always understood, is that women suffer as much from distressing kidney and bladder troubles as the men. The womb is situated back of and very close to the bladder, and for that reason any distress, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort.

The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided by setting urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling is evidence that your kidneys and bladder need doctoring. If you have pain or dull aching in the back, pass water too frequently, or scanty supply, with smarting or burning—these are also convincing proofs of kidney trouble. If you have doctored without benefit, try Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy. The mild and the extraordinary effect will surprise you. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures. If you take a medicine you should take the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention TY DEMOCRAT, and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Rat... Thompson, the genial newspaper man from McKinney, Texas, who still owns a large interest in the Gazette of that place, kindly calls to the attention of the Register force this week, and...

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THURSDAY, DEC. 30, 1897

P. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor.
WALTER B. WILSON, Local Editor.

Old and New.

In view of the threshold the New Year we can but reflect upon the one just receding.

Reluctantly it seems to steal silently away into the misty past, there to take its place among the withered years that go to form the countless ages, composing the illimitable eternity, that reaches back far beyond the limit of human knowledge. It bears upon its bosom the tears of grief, smiles and joy of the human race—the thorns of hate and the flowers of love. Here and there the cruel waves lashed against a human barque, and unable to resist, it sunk into the mighty vortex! Other barques more strong have stemmed the angry waves and landed at the port of 1898. Again, they start upon another voyage, the result of which is unforetold. Let us be brave sailors of life—let us watch for the rocks and shoals of temptation — keeping our sails set and steering untiringly towards the port of eternal joy.

THE DEMOCRAT extends to all a cordial greeting and wishes that success may crown each honorable effort during the coming year.

Gladstone the "grand old man" of England, was 88 years old yesterday.

The suicide mania is increasing alarmingly. It has extended to journalists. A Montana editor is the latest unfortunate.

Joe Hopkins who killed two white farmers Christmas day, was captured and mobbed Tuesday at Winter City, Miss. He was a bad negro and fought his captors like a demon.

John Worthy, a prosperous Liberty, Texas, farmer shot Frank Tevis dead Dec. 28, and then took his own life in the presence of his wife.

The Greenville Independent was visited by the fire demon this week and almost totally destroyed. We feel warranted in saying the publication will continue without interruption, nevertheless.

Champion Bob Fitzsimmons got a $10,000 Christmas present. Bob is much abused, but he "pulls off" the long green just the same.

Assistant Attorney General John M. King has ruled in the matter of marriage license fee to be charged by the county clerks under the new fee bill law. In his language it is only "$1 for all services performed in connection with marriage licenses."

Gov. Leedy of Kansas has issued a peremptory order requiring all state officers who handle public moneys to furnish each month to the state auditor a detailed, sworn statement of all fees, etc., collected and disbursed by him. This is a state law. Why shouldn't every state require this practice? All well regulated business concerns do.—Dallas News.

The above will be startling information to thousands in Texas. The very idea of Gov. Leedy, a rampant populist, discharging his duties fearlessly in accordance with sound practical methods! And Kansas, the pest house of populism and every other schism, has a law worthy to be patterned after by other states! The revelation overwhelms us Texans who are accustomed to acquiescing without question in all dark lanterned maneuvers of our state house dynasty while rupturing our vocal chords yelling anarchy! grasshopper! crank! fanatic! socialist! bankrupt at Kansas and its populist governor.

Liver and Kidneys

Pronounced Incurable, but Advised to try Hood's Sarsaparilla—Now Entirely Cured and Able to Work.

"I was greatly troubled with liver and kidney difficulties for many years. I was pronounced incurable by my physician. A neighbor advised me to get a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I sent and got six bottles and before I had taken three of them, I was cured of my kidney trouble. I am now able to work, although [illegible] Hood's Sarsaparilla I was [illegible] walk three [illegible] the [illegible] Jno. Jones, dressed, with pale sunken eyes, who [illegible] held out toward him her clasped and [illegible] supplicating hands. Quivering in pity [illegible] tension and miserable condition [illegible] he had so [illegible] loved.

CREAM BAKING POWDER MADE

PARDONED.

A NEW YEAR'S STORY FROM THE FRENCH BY FRANCOIS COPPEE.

Every one in the huge block of workmen's dwellings in the Rue des Lambes, where Tony Robeck had occupied a room for six months, believed him to be a widower, though it was not supposed he had been one very long, since his little boy, hardly 6 years old, with whom he lived alone, was always as well dressed as if he were cared for by a mother. However, neither father nor son wore crape on the hat or sleeve.

Early every morning Tony Robeck, who worked as a compositor in a printing establishment in the Latin quarter,

HELD OUT TOWARD HIM HER CLASPED AND SUPPLICATING HANDS.

used to set out with his little son, who was often so tired that he fell asleep upon his shoulder ere they reached the school in the neighborhood where Adrian was left for the day.

In the evening, when his day's work was finished, Tony would call for Adrian and then go shopping, leading the little fellow by the hand. The purchases necessary for their dinner would be carried in Tony's basket to his lodging, and he would be seen no more till the next day.

Tony Robeck was not yet 40 and still a good looking man.

Every Sunday father and son, clean as new pins, used to take a walk. They had been met at the museums and the zoological gardens, and they had been seen also before dinner time in a little cafe in the neighborhood, where Tony allowed himself his single debauch of the week—a glass of absinth, which he sipped, while Adrian, sitting beside him on the settee, would look at the pictures in the papers.

"No," the concierge used to say sentimentally to the neighbors, "the widower will not marry again. The other Sunday we met in a path in the Mont Parnasse cemetery. It is doubtless there that his wife is buried. It was painful to see him with his orphan son by his side. He must have adored his dead wife. He is inconsolable."

Alas, yes, Tony Robeck had dearly loved his wife and was inconsolable at having lost her, but he was not a widower. His was a sad and simple history.

Tony lost his heart to a little artificial flower maker of 19, good doubtless, but very frivolous, thinking of nothing but how to dress smartly on very little. Tony had some savings with which to start housekeeping comfortably, and he married his Clementine.

For a time all went well. How they loved one another! They had two rooms on the fifth floor in the Boulevard Port Royal, with a small balcony, from which there was a view of all Paris.

They were so comfortable at home that they rarely went out. A nice breakfast in the summer time, with the window open upon the town and the clear blue sky, and then, while Tony was lingering over his coffee and smoking a cigarette, Clementine would water the flowers in the boxes on the balcony, often being surprised by Tony with a kiss.

After a time they were blessed with a little one, but it lived only a year, dying at its nurse's at Maigenay. They were consoled, however, by the birth of Adrian, whom Clementine brought up herself, quitting the workroom in order to do this and taking in work at home. She earned only half as much as previously, but still she dressed as well and gayly as ever, playing the lady as far as possible when she went for a walk in the gardens of the Luxembourg with Adrian in his little wicker perambulator.

Gradually this costly finery was the means of leading them into embarrassment, and it was in vain that Tony worked like four men, on day and night shifts as well, to prevent their getting seriously into debt. The growing child was sent out to a day nursery, and the mother, often unoccupied at home, got into a state of ennui and dangerously idle habits.

One evening Tony, carrying his son, whom he had brought from the day nursery on his way home from his work, found upon the mantelpiece a letter, from which, when he opened it, fell Clementine's wedding ring. In the few lines she bade him and Adrian adieu and besought their pardon.

Tony was crushed by the blow. He felt more pain than anger at his loss and wept bitterly.

Clementine had fled in the first days of May, just as the odor of the lilacs was abroad.

Often Adrian asked: "Where is mother? Will she come again soon?" And Tony could only kiss the little one and say, "I do not know."

When the term Tony had taken the apartments for was at an end, in July, he sold the greater part of his goods to pay the debts and went to live in the Rue des Lambes, getting as far away as he could from the old associations.

He heard no more of Clementine till New Year's eve.

On this day for several years he had had the habit of going with his wife to place a modest wreath on the tomb of little Felix, their firstborn. For the first time Tony had only his little Adrian to accompany him. Entering the gate of the cemetery under a dull winter sky, his thoughts more than ever reverted to his absent wife. "Where is she now?" thought he. "What has become of her?"

They had some trouble to find the little tomb, and on arriving before it he started, surprised, for there upon the stone lay three or four new toys, such as would be given to children—a trumpet, a punch, a dog and a whistle.

"Ah! Toys!" cried Adrian joyously, while his father hastily read the writing in a hand he knew so well on a small piece of paper pinned to one of them, "For Adrian, from his brother Felix." Then he felt his son press against him and heard him murmur in a frightened tone, "Mother!" And some space away, kneeling by a group of cypresses, he saw a woman, poorly dressed, with pale sunken eyes, who held out toward him her clasped and imploring hands. Quivering in pity

Smithkins—I thought you were going to see the old year out at Clubberly's last night. I was there at 12, but didn't see anything of you.

Jagby—You didn't go far enough, old man. You should have looked under the table.

imploring look.

"How good you are!" she murmured.

But he was already near her and answered in a dry and almost harsh manner.

"Don't speak. Give me your arm."

It was not far from the cemetery to the Rue des Lambes, which they quickly reached. Tony felt Clementine's arm tremble upon his. The child walked near them, his mind filled with his toys.

The concierge was standing at the door of Tony's lodgings.

"Madam," said he, "this is my wife, who has been in the country for some time, and who has now returned."

Mounting the staircase, he had almost to carry the unhappy Clementine, who was bursting with sobs and nearly fainting with emotion and joy.

Arrived in his poor chamber, Tony made his wife sit down on the only armchair, placed his son in her arms and then opened a drawer and took from it a small cardboard box. Drawing from it Clementine's wedding ring, he put it upon her finger, and without a bitter word for the past silently, gravely, with the large generosity of simple hearts, he kissed her upon the forehead, that she might be sure that he had pardoned her.

He Was There.

Good Cheer and Forgiveness.

Aside from the chants and carols of religious character there was nothing that appealed more strongly to our "rude forefathers" than songs in praise of wine and the vine. They knew little of Bacchus perhaps, but of the power of strong drink they were not ignorant. The word temperance in its modern signification did not exist, and as they stood about the festal board at New Year's, forgiving their enemies and swearing renewed allegiance to their friends, they lifted the foaming beakers and sang in strong, lusty voices:

Wassail, wassail, over the town!
Our toast it is white; our ale it is brown.
Our bowl it is made of a maplin tree.
We be wood fellows all—I drink to thee.

A Lamp In His Pocket.

Not very many men carry lamps in their pockets, but there is at least one man who does, and that is the lamplighter on the elevated road. It is an alcohol lamp, like a section of brass cylinder, five or six inches long and an inch through, and with a slender tube two or three inches long, holding the wick, projecting at one end. The lamplighter comes in at the front door of the car with his lamp [illegible]d. With a rapid pace acquired by [illegible]nce he lights the six lamps, seeming almost not to pause in his progress through the car. If he is in the last car of the train, as he pulls down the chimney over the last lamp he has lighted and turns toward the rear door he blows out his own lamp and drops it in his pocket. His hands are now free. He throws back the door, walks out upon the platform, opens the gate and steps off upon the station platform or down upon the other side, ready to board the next train. A touch of a match will light the alcohol lamp.—New York Sun.

Two Horses.

The editor of the New York Christian Advocate learned not long since from a coachman that horses are not unlike human beings. He writes:

Riding in a friend's carriage one day, we noticed that the coachman made constant efforts to restrain one of the horses and to hasten the other. As the pair were handsome and perfectly mated, we said, "What is the difference between these horses, that you are constantly touching up one and holding in the other?"

Said he: "The one that I whip cannot possibly overwork himself. I will not say that he is lazy, but he is so made that he never can and never will do himself any damage. It would be impossible to whip him so hard that he would hurt himself. The other can trot a mile in less than 2:25, and he would trot from the love of it until he dropped dead. Hot or cold, he does his best."

Didn't Locate It.

Dr. H. F. Fisk, principal of the academy of the Northwestern university, is an exact man, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. He has made it a rule that for all absences from recitations his students shall write out reasons in full why they were away and what recitations were missed. One day Dr. Fisk received a note as follows:

"On account of the earache, headache, stomach ache and cramps I was unable to attend algebra at 8 a. m., grammar at 10 a. m. and English at 3 p. m."

Dr. Fisk excused the student, but at the same time took occasion to rebuke him for not stating in his letter where he had cramps.

A Humming Bird's Umbrella.

In front of a window where I worked last summer was a butternut tree. A humming bird built her nest on a limb that grew near the window, and we had an opportunity to watch her closely. In fact, we could look right into the nest. One day when there was a heavy shower coming up, we thought we would see if she covered her young during the rain. Well, when the first drops fell, she came and took in her bill one of two or three large leaves growing close by and laid this leaf over the nest so as completely to cover it; then she flew away. On examining the leaf we found a hole in it, and in the side of the nest was a small stick that the leaf was fastened to or hooked upon. After the storm was over the old bird came back and unhooked the leaf, and the nest was perfectly dry.—American Sportsman.

Mental Arithmetic.

Aunt Dorothy—How many commandments are there, Johnny?

Johnny (glibly)—Ten.

Aunt Dorothy—And, now, suppose you were to break one of them?

Johnny (tentatively)—Then there'd be nine.—Space Measures.

A New Year's Wish.

City Council.

An important called session of the board of Aldermen was held Tuesday evening. The salaries of city officers, excepting mayor, were fixed for another year. These remained unchanged. The salary of the mayor will be arranged in the near future. An ordinance was passed providing for the enforcement of a law compelling railroad companies to place arc lights at all railroad crossings in towns. A heated, though good natured debate arose over the location of the artesian well which a division settled. Messrs. Emerson, Shain and McDonald voted for a site near the Oil Mill. While Messrs. Moore, Newsome and Shrader voted to accept the McDonald lot between the railroads in Southeast McKinney. Mayor Pearson cast the deciding vote for the latter location.

GENERAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Briefly Culled For The Readers of The Democrat.

Sydney J. Snell fell dead of heart failure in Greenville, Sunday. He was 31 years old.

Bartender J. C. Smith was killed in a saloon brawl in Dallas Monday night.

A duel to the death at Alton, Ill., was fought Christmas between Mack Clayton and Jeff Parks over a woman. The former used a pistol, the latter a knife.

M. M. Welch, of Altus, Greer county, fell under the wheels of his cotton wagon, Saturday, and was crushed fatally.

Christmas Eve Shooting.

Christmas-eve night C. W. Jeffreys and Phil Simons had an altercation in a saloon near the depot which resulted in their drawing pistols. Each fired one shot it is claimed, and each received slight wounds. Jeffreys is a white man and Simons a negro.

From the very beginning of the present struggle in Cuba events portended ultimate triumph for the patriots. From the very first the Castile monarchy has pursued a waning cause, not merely in the "Pearl of the Antilles" alone, but in the struggle for existence among the nations of the world. Spain's ancient glory is gone. Her modern decay is only accelerated by her course of pillage and tyranny in Cuba. Her national reputation is a hollow bubble preserved by an exalted code of diplomacy affected by selfish rival powers, rather than by any potency of her own. Humanity and popular patriotism abhor these false diplomatic restraints. They are contemptible as interpeted and must yield. Then Cuba's belligerency will be recognized and her independence established.

RELIGIOUS.

Services were held at the Catholic church, Sunday forenoon.

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Christmas services were conducted by Rector Galbraith at the Episcopal church Saturday morning.

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Rev. Phelps, pastor of the Farmersville Cumberland Presbyterian church, spent Sunday in McKinney.

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A reception will be given this evening in the Sunday school room of the Baptist church by the Baptist Young People's Union. All are invited.

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Rev. E. W. Alderson, the well known Methodist preacher and the theologian, came down from Sherman Monday on a visit to Rev. Hill. He was accompanied by Mrs. Alderson.

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A few friends called on Rev. H. H. Sullivan, Monday evening, and left him and wife a contribution for the larder. Rev. Sullivan is a superannuated minister of the Methodist church.

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The literary meeting of the Epworth League was held, Monday evening, with Miss Eula Plemmons.

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Eld. Homer T. Wilson preached his farewell sermon, Sunday, in Fort Worth to the congregation which he had ministered to for the past four years. He resigned to enter a broader work of evangelism and lecturship.

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Christmas trees were given at

'97. Monday, Dec. 27, 1897. Saturday, Jan. 1, 1898. '98

These are the last and first weeks in the year. It is said to be the dullest weeks in the year. We are aware that such is the existing tendency as to make these weeks one to be dreaded by tradesmen---But We Fear Not, for with us there shall be no dull weeks nor dull days. We shall offer such inducements to the trading public as to make the coming weeks one of the busiest of our busy career. We will place on sale 39 cases of Dry Goods, Notions and Clothing from our cheaply bought stock of Bradford, Thomas & Co., Boston, and 48 cases of Shoes from the Anderson & Ellis Sample Shoes of Cincinnati and Memphis

The Thomas & Bradford Stock was bought at 45 cents on the Dollar. The Anderson & Ellis stock was bought at 50 cents on the dollar. We own them cheap and that is our apology for selling them cheap. We paid 45c for one and 50c for the other and our Commission is small.

Notions and Gloves.

Ladies' Wool Mitts, the 25c qualities at ..... 15c.
6 dozen Men's Mocha Dress Gloves, 1.25 grades, ... 75c.
5 dozen Boys Dress Gloves, the 75c kinds, at ..... 50c.
5 dozen Men's colored durable gloves, 1.00 grades at 50c
15 dozen men's Gloves, assorted samples, values up to 1.50, 75c

Hosiery.

Ladies' plain wool Hose, the 25c grades at ..... 18c.
Ladies black Hose, the 20c grades, 2 for ..... 25c.
Ladies' silk finish Hose, the 50c grades, 3 pairs for ..... 50c.
Ladies' fast black Hose, finished seams, warranted, 2 for 25c goods, half price, 4 pairs for 25c.
15 dozen men's fine wool Hose at ..... 25c.
15 dozen men's gray wool Hose 2 for ..... 25c.
25 dozen men's gray mixed Hose, 10c grade, 5 pairs for 25c.

Blankets and Comforts.

Bradford & Thomas, 45% off.
A Comfort, small size 50c
A good warm Comfort at ..... 88c.
A Comfort 63 x 72 at ..... 1.00.
A Comfort 68 x 79 at 1.25
27 pairs grey Blankets, the 1.00 kind, per pair ..... 65c.
72 pairs white Blankets, 1.00 grade, per pair 65c
50 pairs white California Blankets, 3.50 grade, ... 2.50.
50 pairs gray wool Blankets, the 3.00 grade ..... 2.25.
40 single white and colored Blankets, each ..... 25c.

Ties.

15 dozen men's silk string Ties 50c grades at ..... 25c.
15 dozen men's Teck Scarfs, 2 for 25c,
10 dozen men's silk Teck Scarfs at only ..... 25c.

Knit Goods.

Sample lot (H. & G. Eeder) drummers' Fascinators, jet trimmed, 60c kind 38c

Fascinators, plain zephyr goods 35c kinds at ..... 25c.
Children's Hoods at 25c, 35c, 50c and ..... 58c.
Ladies Union Suits, 75c kinds, at ..... 50c.
Children's Union Suits, 35c kinds at 25c
Children's Union Suits, 50c and 75c kinds at ..... 38c.
Ladies Knit Vests, 25c grades at 18c
Ladies Silk Front Vests, 40c grades at 25c

Boys' and Men's Hats and Caps.

A handsome cloth cap, 60c grade, at 25c
A man's black stiff Hat, the 1.50 grade, ... 50.
Men's soft fur Hats, the 2.00 styles at 1 00
50 dozen men's soft Hats, 2.50 ank 3.00 grades 1.50

Handkerchiefs.

10 dozen plain white handkerchiefs, usual 10c kinds ..... 5c.
10 dozen ladies fancy embroidered edge Handkerchiefs, 20c kinds, 2 for ..... 25c.
5 dozen ladies silk handkerchiefs, this lot ..... 10c.
14 dozen ladies' fancy edged Handkerchiefs at ..... 10c.
12 dozen ladies fancy edge Handkerchiefs at ..... 5c.
10 dozen ladies fancy edge handkerchiefs at, ... 4c.

Ladies' and Men's Shoes.

Anderson and Ellis 50% discount
15 cases men's shoes, 2.00, 2.25 and 2.50 grades 1.50
22 cases men's shoes, 2.75, 3.00 and 3.50 grades 1.75
5 cases men's shoes, 5.00 grades at ..... 2.98.
5 cases men's kangaroo shoes, 3.50 grade at 1.75,
25 cases women's kid shoes, 1.50 grade at ..... 1 00.
20 cases ladies fine button shoes, 2.25 and 2.50 grades. 1.75

Capes and Jackets.

Bought at 45 per cent off and sold at one-half plain figure marks.

150 ladies black cloth capes, nicely trimmed, 7.50 kinds, half marked price 3.50
120 ladies black beaded capes, plain figure mark 7.00 ..... 3.50
88 ladies black capes, fur trimmed, plain figure mark 3.00, 1.50
76 ladies black beaver capes, plain figure mark 10.00, ... 5.00
78 ladies fine beaver Capes, plain figure mark 12.00, ... 6.00
89 ladies' cloth capes, fur trimmed, half plain figure mark 1.75.
6 dozen ladies heavy black wool jackets, half figure mark 75c
6 dozen ladies heavy assorted capes, half plain figure mark 2.50
3 dozen misses heavy assorted capes, half plain figure mark 2.50
Ladies flannel skirts, value 1.25 at 75c
Ladies heavy Jackets, value 1.50 at 75c
15 ladies nicely trimmed black capes, value 8.00 ..... 3.50
Good black cloth capes, 40 per cent off, at 1.25

Men's Top Shirts.

Men's top shirts at 25c
15 dozen men's percale shirts striped, at 50c
15 dozen men's 75c percale shirts, 2 for 75c
10 dozen men's white shirts 75c and 1.00
15 dozen men's percale shirts, samples, 1.00, 1.25 and 1.50 grades, this lot 75c

Sample Lot in Hosiery.

Only one to three pairs of a kind.
10c Hosiery for woman, man or child at ..... 5c.
20c hosiery for woman, man or child at 10c
30c hosiery in wool, for woman, man or child 20c
40c hosiery, in wool, for woman, man or child ..... 25c.
35c hosiery, in wool, for woman at ..... 18c.
25c hosiery, in wool, for Misses 2 for ..... 25c.

Mackintoshes and Gossamers.

157 men's English ribbed mackintoshes, blue and black, 5.00 qualities ..... 2.75.
191 men's wide Wales mackentoshes, black and blue, value 5.00 ..... 2.75
120 men's wool high grade mackintoshes, 7.50 quality ... 4.00
3 doz ladies gossamers, the 1.50 kinds, 45% off 1.00
2 dozen ladies gossamers, the 1.00 kind, 45% off 50c

Clothing.

Here is where our big discounts are felt by our clothing competitors—everything positively one half plain figure mark—
250 boys knee suits 2.00, 2.50, and 3.00 kinds 1.50
500 men's fine suits, black cheviots, 15.00 grades 7.50
Brown Cheviots, 17.00 grades at ..... 8.50.
Black Cheviot, satin lined, 25.00 grades at ..... 12.50.
200 men's fine suits, brown plaids, 15.00 suits, at ..... 7.50.
Scotch wool suits, 11.50 grades at 5.90
Scotch wool suits, 7.50 grades, at 3.75
Blue and grey mixed, 5.00 grades, at ..... 2.50.

Pants.

40 pairs boys wool pants, 75c and 98c
Dark wool cassimere, tailor-made, 5.00 grades ..... 2.98.
120 pairs heavy wool pants, 1.50 grades 1.00
150 pairs heavy wool pants, 2.00 grades 1.25
75 pairs men's fancy California pants, 7.00 grades ..... 3.98.
Blue Overalls at 50c

Men's Underwear.

36 dozen men's heavy fleeced Undershirts, 75c, 1.00 grade, 50c.
45 dozen men's red wool underwear, 65c kinds 38c
50 dozen men's gray fleeced underwear, 50c kinds 25c
50 dozen men's heavy Canton Drawers, 40c kinds 25c

McKINNEY, TEXAS. C. L. MISTROT. THE CASH MERCHANT.

mud. The children were made happy and the poor were graciously remembered.

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If this life be a dream, it is not too long. If death be the "awakening" it does not come too soon,—Rev. C. W. Williams, Baptist, Denver, Col.

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The Baptist Young People's Union surprised and extensively pounded their pastor, Dr. E. E. King, Saturday night. Dr. King is a popular pastor among the young, as well as the old.

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Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. J. H. Wofford preached his farwell sermon at the Cumberland Presbyterian church. This concluded a pastorate of five years during which Bro. Wofford's sterling christian character impressed all and endeared him to hosts of friends who regretted his resignation. We understand he has accepted a call from the Cale and Durant, I. T. churches.

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Dr. E. E. King has been pastor of the First Baptist church of McKinney one year, and will hold an anniversary service with the church next Sunday Jan. 2, 1898. He will preach an anniversary sermon, the roll of the members will be called, an historical sketch of the church will be presented, and there will be other features of the service especially appropriate for the occasion.

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Christian Church.

Though the side walks were very slippery, the crossings muddier than for twelve months, still fine audiences attended all the services at the Christian church last Sunday. There was a fine attendance at Sunday school, and at the morning church services Pastor Hallam preached from the gospel by Matthew where it says "I came not to send peace, but a sword," showing that, though Christ was announced as the "Prince of Peace" still that peace was the outcome of a war. An instance: The temple of Jannus was closed only in time of peace, and there was no peace in the Roman Empire till there was nothing more for the victorious eagles of the Roman soldiery to conquer, that the re-

immortal Washington. Many other instances were related where peace is the outcome of war, and then showed that there is going on in the heart of each individual a warfare that will not end till each stand before the "Prince of Peace" there to give account of the deeds done in the body, and it behooves us all to be ready for that great day.

The endeavor societies were finely attended, and a splendid meeting were had by all. At the night service Jas. N. Crutcher filled the pulpit, and preached one of his excellent sermons to a fine audience, and they all seemed finely pleased with the "boy," as the good old sister says the "boy can beat the father preaching now."

The Ladies of the church will give a New Year reception in the parlors of the church Saturday evening from 5 to 10, to which all the members of the church especially, and all friends generally are cordially invited. A nice social time is in store for all that will attend.

Thursday evening from 6:30 to 9 the children of the Sunday school will be given a social in the parlors of the church, and it is hoped that every member of the Sunday school will be present, even from the smallest to Bro. Jenkins.

There will be the usual services next Sunday.

ALLEN ATOMS.

Events Of The Holidays In the Little City On the Central.

Lige Runnels came near losing one of his eyes last week by being hooked by a cow. Dr. A. J. Caldwell of McKinney came down and treated him, he will be around all right in a few days so the doctor says.

Mr. Engleman of the Engleman neighborhood moved with his family recently to the coast country where he intends making his future home.

John Giddings and Miss Ora Grant were happily married last week and will make their future home here. We congratulate the happy young couple.

Mrs. Sarah Spradley, of McKinney, visited her son Sylvester Spradley and family last week. Also her two daughter near Lebanon.

Bill Fraser of Bonham is visiting here.

J. H. Young and wife Mr. A. Spradley visited their mother Mrs. Sarah Spradley of McKinney Sunday.

The boys of Allen had quite a battle with fire-works on Xmas night.

We learn that a young man who had previously lost one hand save one finger, got his other hand almost blown off at Plano Xmas day, with a cannon cracker necessitating amputation.

"BIMET."

VERONA VOICE.

Popular Young Couple Wed—Xmas Festivites and Holiday Notes.

Christmas with its blessings and disappointments has come and gone.

Our tree was a success notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather. Much of the program was omitted in order to let the people get home early on account of rain. Santa Claus amused and pleased the young folks with his wit and impartial distribution of gifts.

The crowning event of the season was the long expected marriage of Mr. John Grisham and Miss Leila St Clair last Thursday evening. At an early hour the guests began to arrive and promptly at seven o'clock the happy groom led his lovely bride to the altar where, according to the marriage ritual of the M. E. church south, they were pronounced man and wife by Rev. Joel S. Graves. Messrs. T. L. Bailey, T. A. Stroup, Misses Martha Carter and Annie Grisham were the attendants. After the ceremony the guests were ushered into the dining room to find a table groaning under the weight of dainties and the choicest viands, satisfying the inner man. All repaired to the parlor and spent a few hours in singing and social conversation. Before leaving, Miss Lizzie Grisham, eldest sister of the groom, invited those present to an "infair" dinner on Xmas day, Being one of the fortunate ones, the writer can testify that the dinner was all that the most exacting epicurian could demand. To this young and happy couple we tender congratulations and bespeak a life of peace, happiness and love.

Misses Sallie Stroup, Effie St. Clair and Prof. Sidney S. Stroup, [illegible] from Grayson

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T. C. TOWNSEND, G. P. and T. A., ST. LOUIS.

City, came home to spend the holidays and to attend the Grisham-St. Clair nuptials.

T. H. Anderson, an earnest student of the Grayson College, is at home.

W. J. Burton who has been indisposed for several days is up again.

Bud Miller is all smiles and, no wonder—it's a boy.

We regret to say that this will probably be our last for several months. We are under many obligations to THE DEMOCRAT for its kind [illegible] and [illegible]

A CLEAR HEAD;
good digestion; sound sleep; a fine appetite and a ripe old age, are some of the results of the use of Tutt's Liver Pills. A single dose will convince you of their wonderful effects and virtue.

A Known Fact.
An absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, malaria, sour stomach, dizziness, constipation bilious fever, piles, torpid liver and all kindred diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

Miss Mattie Houston is visiting Campbell, Texas, relatives.

O! My!! Go and sample that "New Crop" La., Syrup at Mate Barnett's.

Great Bargains in Beautiful Christmas China goods at J. T. Nale's.

Miss Lillie Daughetee attended the Bush-Jones nuptials at Allen Tuesday.

For bargains in groceries see Goostree & Houston, McKinney, Texas.

Miss Cora Cummins is visiting at Ennis.

Buy your holiday whiskies where you get the best, at City Drug Store.

John Ault returned last week from a trip to the Nation in a wagon

Old Tennessee Apple Brandy and Maryland Peach, at City Drug Store.

Wade Bristol came down from Sherman, Sunday.

Why not buy your next groceries of Goostree & Houston.

J. W. Asbury is visiting Missouri relatives at Kansas City and Sedalia.

Spend your nickel at the Nickel Store.

Miss Nellie Fatherree, of Floetwood, I. T., is the guest of her uncle, W. W. McDowell, and wife.

The biggest store in McKinney is J. P. Crouch & Co.'s and it is filled to overflowing with goods.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Everett came over from Farmersville to spend Christmas with McKinney relatives.

Fragrant are the flowers, blue is the sky
Sweet is the note of the lark's [morning cry,
Delicious is the Bouquet of Canada Rye of R. E. Bristol, sole agent City Drug Store.

M. F. Blankenship has recently returned from a trip to Nolan, Fisher, and Stonewall counties, West Texas.

Immense stock of groceries for selections at Goostree & Houstons.

R. V. Daughetee returned from Valley View, Thursday, where he spent a month carpentering.

The Estey piano is taking the lead with sweet clear tone upon the same basis that placed the Estey organ ahead. First class material and superior workmanship. J. T. Couch.

Misses Frankie Oates and Lutie Anderson went to Wylie on a visit to friends Tuesday.

Prof. J. H. Bright and wife of Fannin county are spending the holidays with McKinney relatives.

Nervous people find relief by enriching their blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is the one true blood purifier and nerve tonic.

Miss Effie Hines of Farmersville is the guest of the Misses Allison and other McKinney friends this week.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

The wife of C. N. Abbott of Cincinnati, Ohio, is visiting relatives in McKinney. She is a daughter of Francis Emerson.

Just received, one car load of Fresh Portland Cement; also fire clay brick, sand, lime, etc. For sale cheap at Wilcox & Sons' Lumber Yard.

Willie Rhea, a Trinity college pupil, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhea.

Don't be misled. The only place you can buy the Genuine Canada Rye is of R. E. Bristol, sole agent, City Drug Store.

Miss Annie Dowell is spending the holidays with her father, City Clerk R. F. Dowell. She is a pupil of a Dallas school.

J. T. Nale will fit you out for house keeping cheaper than any other house in North Texas. One door east of the post office.

The county officials were presented each with a box of fine cigars by Smith Bros., as a Christmas gift.

See Goostree & Houston for wholesale and retail groceries.

Miss Annie Stewart of Mansfield, Texas, arrived in McKinney Friday on a brief visit to her sister, Miss Clara Stewart, and other relatives.

J. P. Crouch & Co, greet the public with a prodigious stock from which holiday presents of any kind can be selected.

Gene Martin is greeting old McKinney friends again after several years absence.

Dyspepsia Cured. Shiloh's Vitalizer immediately relieves Sour Stomach. Coming up of Food Distress, and is the great kidney and liver remedy. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair.
DR.
PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING

Mrs. G. C. Thompson and little daughter, Lena, are visiting Chambersville relatives.

Rare old Peach and Brandies, Wines Gin and Kentucky Whiskies at City Drug Store.

W. W. Pruett called on us lately. He was en route to his home at Blue Ridge after a two months sojourn at Vineyard City, Young county, Texas.

Be not deceived! A Cough, Hoarseness or croup are not to be trifled with. A dose of Shiloh's Cure will save you much trouble. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Jailor John Coffey served his prisoners with a fine Christmas dinner. Thompson Bros., Bakery furnished the bread, pies and cakes.

NO CURE--NO

That is the way all druggists sel GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC for Malaria, Chills and Fever. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter, nauseating Tonics. Price 50c.

T. B. Wilson, the veteran surveyor and real estate dealer, was so far recovered from his late serious illness as to be able to take "Christmas dinner" at the table.

The old reliable second hand store will pay cash for all kinds of second hand goods, 2d door east of postoffice.

Old Santa has made his first assignment of Christmas toys and the Nickle Store has received it. Call and see the pretty articles.

Mack Stouffer and two sisters, Misses Roxa and Fay, came over from Greenville Friday to spend the holidays. They were accompanied by Master Allie Obenchain.

Dreadfully Nervous.

GENTS—I was dreadfully nervous, and for relief took your Karl's Clover Root Tea. It quieted my nerves and strengthed my whole nervous system. I was troubled with Constipation, Kidney and Bowel trouble. Your Tea soon cleansed my system so thoroughly that I rapidly regained health and strength. Mrs. S. A. Sweet, Hartford, Conn. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Rev. H. H. Sullivan united two couples in wedlock in the county clerk's office Thursday. They were Otto F. Meadows and Miss Fannie E. Ashly, F. S. Striplin and Miss F. B. Snyder.

To our country friends: We carry a large, complete and new stock of groceries all the time and invite you to inspect the same. We want your trade. —Goostree & Houston.

Frank Howell, formerly of McKinney, and Miss Georgia Adams were married at Ozark, Ala., Sunday, Dec. 26. Frank is a son of Mrs. Sallie Howell and has hosts of relatives and friends here who wish him abundant happiness in matrimony.

50 doses for 50 cents. Is the same size of other $1. bottles, and money refunded if Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to give entire satisfaction. Try it costs nothing if not saisfied.

John E. Wilson is just in receipt of a letter containing the sad intelligence of the killing of his uncle, Joseph Bates, at Ava, Ill. The unfortunate man was a prominent farmer and business man and met his death in a vehicle which was dashed into at a railroad crossing by a train.

Cure that Cough with Shiloh's Cure. The best Cough Cure. Relieves Croup promptly. One million bottles sold last year. 40 doses for 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

One night last week W. J. Doss met his bride, Miss M. J. Crowder, at the depot in McKinney, and escorted her to the county clerk's office where a license was secured and they were duly pronounced man and wife by Rev. Sullivan. The bride journeyed alone all the way from Tennessee to meet and wed her lover.

Backache, Sprains Bruises, Cuts, Rheumatism speedily cured by using Hunt's Lightning Oil. Failing, money refunded.

Prof. F. G. Jones and Miss Mary Ella Bush were married Tuesday, at Allen. The groom is a talented young educator of the state who is now occupying a chair of Add-Ran College at Waco. He is an ex-member of the board of examiners of Collin county.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by City Drug Store

Quite a number of pupils of schools elsewhere are spending the holiday season at home in McKinney. Following are some of them: John Dowell, Waco; Chauncey Dewey, Tennessee; Willie Rhea, Techuana; Reed Markham, Sherman.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, } ss.
Lucas County.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.
{seal} A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best. 3

Kings of the Platform and Pulpit contains what the most brilliant writers and orators have produced during the present century. We have read it with much interest, Mr. J. R. Johnson has accepted the agency for this book and will take pleasure in showing the book to you

Innumerable articles and lines of ware at J. P. Crouch & Co.'s. Anything from a complete housekeeping outfit to tiniest toys can be found in their big three story house.

George S. Murphy, who has been in charge of Murphy & Co.'s branch house in McKinney during the past year, has gone to Sherman where the business of the firm will be concentrated beginning with the new year. McKinney recognizes its loss in Mr. Murphy's removal. His energetic business qualities and congeniality made him a force in our commercial matters that cannot be easily replaced. Nevertheless, all McKinneyits follow him with their most cordial good will for his future success

Sole agency for I. W. Harper Canada Rye, Chase's Barley Malt, Paul Jones Rye, Delmonico and full stock of Best Brands, Handmade sour mash from Kentucky, at City Drug Store.

Farmers, take your produce to Good [illegible] for highest prices.

Arthur Anderson is visiting his mother at Holly Springs, Miss.

Mrs. Martin Todd of Van Alstyne visited here this week.

Miss Rowell, of Jefferson, is the guest of Miss Sarah Webb.

Miss Thomson, of Lavon, has been visiting Miss Lottie Stimson this week.

John Hill entertained Tuesday evening at the home of his father D. C. Hill.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant laxative. Regulates the bowels, purifies the blood. Clears the complexion. Easy to make and pleasant to take. 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Saturday morning from 8 to 9 Mrs. Wade served a special Christmas breakfast to her boarders and friends.

Punctual delivery to any part of the city of all groceries bought at Goostree & Houston.

C. Wesley Goodin went to Denison Monday to meet his wife and little daughter and accompany them home.

A community Christmas tree was given at the residence of Eli Horn, Friday night, at Vineland.

Capt. Ed Stiff has been confined indoors for several weeks with rheumatism

Ed Hinman's chair in the Foote House barber shop is vacant this week. Caused by his sickness.

Ladies, Take the Best. If you are troubled with Constipation, Sallow Skin, and a Tired Feeling, take Karl's Clover Tea, it is pleasant to take. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

All members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. are requested to attend the meeting Friday night. Important business to transact.

Walter C. Marr, of Dallas, is the latest addition to the Foote House barber shop's corps of artists.

The elegant home of John L. Lovejoy was the scene of a merry dancing party, Saturday evening. Miss Margie Lovejoy was hostess.

The city trade will remember that it can find the freshest and best qualities of anything in the way of groceries at Goostree & Houston's.

James A. Barnett, now in business in Dallas, was in McKinney, Tuesday, greeting former acquaintances.

Mrs. J. H Walton entertained for her guest Miss Andie Melton of Sherman at the Foote House Christmas evening.

C. L. Young & Co., dry goods firm of Tyler executed a deed of trust, Monday. Mr. Young once owned the Kentucky store in McKinney.

Dr. J. C. Terrell of Utica, Miss., is visiting his son, Attorney W. S. Terrel, in this city.

Does your house need painting? Go to Wilcox & Sons' Lumber Yard for Vane Calvert Palace Car Colors, the best paint "on earth;" also Collier's White Lead. Pure Linseed oil, Brushes, Window glass, etc.

Joe Dexter was taken to the poor farm, Tuesday. He was one of the three in the runaway accident which resulted in Chas. Kendrick's death. Dexter is still in a serious condition.

J. H. Cook was a caller at our office Tuesday. He was accompanied by Dr. Barlow. Both gentlemen are prominent citizens of Frankfort.

Scholarship for Sale.

A scholarship for sale in one of the best business colleges of the state. Call at THE DEMOCRAT

Homer T. Wilson will deliver his famous lecture "America's Uncrowned Queen," at Heard's Opera House Friday evening Dec. 31. Tickets on sale at V. C. Coleman's at 25 and 35 cents.

M. W. Allen, material agent for the Colorado Valley railroad, is visiting relatives in McKinney. This road which Mr. Allen represents will extend from Sweetwater to San Antonio.

Better, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.
The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package

City Superintendent of Schools C. O. Smith was the recipient of a fine gold watch Christmas from his son, Blaine. His Sunday school pupils also remembered him kindly with a valuable present.

A number of Miss Jennie Horn's Vineland friends called on her, Monday evening, before her return to school next day and spent a few happy hours in a social way.

Some time since G. O. Cate of Altogo arrived home from a prolonged stay in Tennessee and Georgia with old friends. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Elizabeth Chastain of Dalton, Ga., his wife's mother.

The annual Christmas ball was given in Heard's opera house by the young men of the city Monday night. The hall was richly decorated for the occasion and nearly one hundred couples participated. A Sherman orchestra furnished the music.

Old Sol beamed upon us at last Monday morning with his welcome face. Following a Sabbath of rain and gloomy weather—the culmination of such inclemency—his warm rays were doubly welcome. While stock water is still scarce in many sections of the county, the condition of wheat is greatly relieved by the little rain falling intermittingly during this period. The boggy roads were well nigh impassable and abandoned vehicles in the many

INJURIES PROVE FATAL.

Chas. Kendrick Dies in This City as a Result of a Runaway Accident.

The report of Charlie Kendrick's death, which occurred at his home in this city at 9 o'clock, Monday morning, caused much surprise to our citizens who did not seem to realize that he was so serious. As stated in last week's DEMOCRAT, Charles S. Kendrick, Joe Dexter and Bob Sawyer were hurt in a runaway in the west part of the city, Dec. 16. In jumping from the delivery wagon Kendrick's feet were caught in a wheel and terribly mangled about the ankles. Dexter was hurt internally and is yet in a precarious condition, while Sawyer was only slightly bruised.

The best medical and surgical attention was given Mr. Kendrick and an effort was made to save both feet. But the shock was too great and the injury too serious for him to rally, so his condition gradually weakened until death. A hemorrhage occurred in one of the wounded limbs, Monday morning, but could not be checked in time to save his life. From much loss of blood he sank into unconsciousness and passed away shortly afterward.

The deceased C. S. Kendrick was born twenty-seven years ago, and spent most of his brief life at Quanah, Ennis and Plano, Texas. His father, Jas. P. Kendrick, conducted a dry goods store in Plano from 1884 to 1888, and is now a resident of Rochester, Pennsylvania. His mother died in Plano in 1887. In 1894 the deceased married Miss Catherine Parks, of Quanah, who with two little children to care for, is left to mourn the untimely death of her young husband. The brothers are J. Q. Kendrick of Cleveland, O.; J. I. Kendrick of Quanah, Tex.; M. R. Kendrick of Plano; A. M. Kendrick of Quanah; A. S. Kendrick of Plano; and S. P. Kendrick of Pittsburg, Pa.

Tuesday morning the remains were placed aboard a Central passenger and shipped to Ennis where they were interred by the side of his mother's grave. M. R. Kendrick of Plano, R. E. Chambers and F. M. Warden of McKinney accompanied the corpse to Ennis. Sincerest sympathy is expressed on every side for the young widow in the great calamity that has befallen her.

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Misses Josie and Bettie Parker entertained the following young people Monday evening for their guests, Misses Georgie Goforth and Lillie Collins of Anna: Sam Welch and Miss Linnie Johnson, Wade Bristol and Miss Lula Allison, George Hughes and and Miss Effie Hines, Will Richardson and Miss Gradie Bogan, W. F. Cobb and Miss Della Allison, Misses Bennie Parker and Nettie Calloway, Messrs. Reeves and T. P. Duncan.

To The Public.

To those who have patronized me during the three years I have been in your midst, I wish to extend my heartiest thanks and still solicit your much appreciated support.

Also, to those who have never had any dealings with me, I desire to say this: If you want good, fresh Groceries, Tinware, Glassware and Queensware, at a low margin, come and try me during 1898, and see if you don't beat your past record.

Yours Resp.,
MATE BARNETT.
East La. Street.

County Alliance.

Blue Ridge, Tex., Dec. 27, '97.
The regular meeting of Collin county farmers alliance convenes with Blue Ridge sub-alliance the third Wednesday in January, 1898. All members and delegates are requested to attend, as business of importance will be before the body for consideration. Delegates that attend by rail will be met at Farmersville on Tuesday before. Public speaking at night.

C. H. PATE,
Pres, Collin Co. Alliance.

Trustees Sale of Lands.

I have 80 acres of land in the Benj. Clark survey, about two miles north of Blue Ridge, and 10 acres in the W. W. Bell survey, belonging to the estate of Ben W. Rhine, which I will sell low. If not sold privately, will be sold publicly on Jan. 29, 1898, in the city of McKinney.

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Wine of Cardui
has demonstrated ten thousand times that it is almost infallible
FOR WOMAN'S PECULIAR WEAKNESSES,
Irregularities and derangements. It has become the leading remedy for this class of troubles. It exerts a wonderfully healing, strengthening and soothing influence upon the menstrual organs. It cures "whites" and falling of the womb. It stops flooding and relieves suppressed and painful menstruation. For Change of Life it is the best medicine made. It is beneficial during pregnancy, and helps to bring children into homes barren for years. It invigorates, stimulates, strengthens the whole system. This great remedy is offered to all afflicted women. Why will any woman suffer another minute with or without relief within reach? Wine of Cardui only costs $1.00 per bottle at our drug store.

A Happy Occasion.

Perhaps the most enjoyable event of the holiday season in McKinney was the Christmas tree given Christmas eve at the home of Dr. J. E. Gibson. It was given by Mrs. Gibson to the little friends of little Miss Winnie Clemenson Gibson and about sixty of them responded to the invitation, all ranging in ages from 5 to 8. The little hostess began receiving her guests at 3 p. m. being assisted by Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Shain, Mrs. W. B. Newsome, Mrs. Fred Emerson, Mrs. Dr. Wooten, of Austin, and a few other ladies present. A tree laden with fully $500 worth of presents and a "sure enough" Santa Claus greeted the tots whose mirth and hilarity was unbounded. Each guest brought some gift as a token of love it entertained for the little lady hostess who acquitted herself as an entertainer in the manner becoming a "grown up lady." After three short hours of childish joy all were served with refreshments by Mrs. Gibson as they reluctantly departed for their several homes.

Horn-Keen.

Yesterday at 3 p. m. at the residence of the bride's parents near Rockhill, W. G. C. Horn and Miss Mollie Keen were married in the presence of a large circle of friends and relatives. Rev. J. A. Hornbeak officiated and the bridal couple were attended by Titus Keen of this city, brother of the bride, and Miss Addie Kerr of Vineland. Both the contracting parties are popular young people. The groom being a deputy sheriff and the bride a daughter of ex-county clerk M. W. Keen. We congratulate the happy couple.

Andrews-Roberts.

James T. Andrews and Miss Dora Roberts were married in this city Dec. 15. Eld. Jno. M. McKinney officiated. Both the contracting parties have extensive acquaintanceship in McKinney and numerous well wishers. They will reside with the groom's parents, ex-justice of the peace J. T. Andrews Sr., and wife.

A Romantic Marriage.

Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex., Dec. 28.—L. W. Harkey, county tax assessor, returned to-day from Alabama, bringing with him a bride. There is somewhat of a romance to this wedding. Harkey was a young confederate solder and was wounded near Locust Grove, Ala. He was taken to the house of Mrs. R. J. Williams, a young married lady, who nursed the wounded soldier back to health. Harkey returned home after the war, married and settled in Hunt county. His wife died some time ago, and this summer corresponding with a relative near Locust Grove, Mrs. Williams was mentioned as a widow. Mr. Harkey began a correspondence with her, which brought about the union just consumated.

Will Address the Teachers.

The county central Teacher's Institute will meet in McKinney for the first time in 1898 on Jan. 14 and 15. Indications point to an unusually large attendance and interest so county Supt. Shepherd says. On the night of the 14th Rev. J. W. Hill has consented to address the teachers and public. This will be a great treat as Rev. Hill, who is an ex-teacher, is a wit and eminent lecturer.

JUDGE LYNCH CHEATED.

The Negro Released on Ascertainment That No Assault Was Committed.

Commerce, Hunt Co., Tex., Dec. 28.—Considerable excitement and talk of lynching was caused in this city yesterday by the report that a negro who made a criminal assault on the wife of the Midland section foreman. The alleged offender was caught by P. V. Stewart and turned over to the officers, who were directed by Justice Mulkey to carry him before the lady for identification. A large crowd followed the officers and talk of lynching was freely indulged in. To the officers the lady exonorated the accused from the charge, stating that she had been frightened by the negro passing through her room and had screamed and given an alarm before her fear had subsided. The negro had delivered some beef from the market and, fearing a vicious dog in the back yard, passed out through the lady's room. He was released.

Homer T. Wilson.

Concerning the above who lectures in McKinney, Dec. 31, John Temple Graves says:

"Dr. Homer T, Wilson is a noble and inspiring figure of the platform of to-day—big of heart, big of brain, magnetic, eloquent and sincere. He would grace any platform and please and uplift the most fastidious audience."

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex Dec. ,23 '97, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Evans Nina	Gee Laura
Gipson Ann	Milner Mollie E
Miller C	Michel Eliza
Oneal Mattie	Rains Nanie
Sashley M A	Taylor Annie
Smith Hattie	Bolin Elisha

GENTLEMAN.

Bailey W A	Bemons J M
Brock Alice	Davis S C
Dorn L	Foote M G
Gagers D J	Hamilton G W
Harvey W M	Jones John
Lowery Grate	McDonald W M
Marton J A	Mossey Mary A
Morgan B T	Meuir Will
Nobles John	Phillips J W
Pursely P	Reed W B
Robinson Wyne 2	Sanders J O
Sandford Vaylord	Sproles Sam
Trentham J N	Tears Charley
Swinborn Jim	Thomas Charley
Wheeler Kelley	Whitson W C
Woodson A M	Wallis C L
Watson J H	Wilson Daisie
	Williams Nannie T

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.
Mrs. M. A. Cameron
Postmistress.

Huge Rooster.

"Captain," a fine 18-month-old Light Brahma rooster of the Felch Strain, was on exhibition several days recently at J. P. Dowell's. He is the property of J. W. Dockens and came from Nattick, Mass. "Captain" is a huge fowl weighing 15 pounds and is probably the champion heavy-weight in Texas among chickens.

John Williams, of McKinney, Texas, arrived here last Saturday. He came for the benefit of his health and will remain for some time.—Roswell (N. M.) Register.

A FAMILY TRAGEDY.

A Man Who Killed His Sister Shot By His Brother.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 27.—Pink Livingston, 18 years old, was jailed here late last night on the charge of murder of his brother, Joan, at Blue Creek Christmas Day. The two brothers and a number of other young men were at the home of the Livingston boys celebrating Christmas by carousing and drinking whisky. The brothers got into a quarrel and Joan threatend to kill Pink, as he said, "before the sun went down." Pink quickly left the house and, going to a neigbor's, borrowed a shotgun and returning poked the muzzle through the window and shot Joan without warning. The murderer then fled, and, hiring a team from a farmer, drove for Mississippi, but was overtaken by officers and arrested.

The dead man was a noted desperado and is said to have killed three men during his lifetime. Nine years ago he shot his sister Ida because she intended marrying a man who was distasteful to him. For this crime he was sent

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References: Gov. C. A. Culberson, Congressman Bourke, Judge Geo. Clark, Waco, Mayor Bryant T. Barry, Sanger Bros., Southern Mfg. Co., C. F. Cohron, Attorney, Rev. M. M. Davis, Huey & Philp Hardware Co.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Briefly Culled For The Readers of The Democrat.

Weyler, the recent Spanish General, in Cuba on his return to Spain met with a most flattering reception by his countryman. A revolution is threatened in Spain and the Royal family is said to be talking of flight from Spain.

Mrs. J. W. Blake, wife of the state democratic chairman, died at her home in Mexia, Dec 19.

The recent cold snap stopped the hands of the town clock in Sherman.

The M. K. & T. railway company was sued in the district court of Denton county last week for $6545 damages by J. M. Hatcher of Lewisville.

The Chestnut Street National bank of Philadelphia suspended on the 23d with total liabilities amounting to $3,000,000.

The daughter of ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert committed suicided in Washington last week.

Near Houston Thursday night J. W. Harris burned to death while camping in his wagon.

John Anderson was sentenced last week at Norfolk, Va., to be hanged for killing William Wallace Saunders on the high seas in August last.

At Lake Charles, La., Thursday, Charles Conle's coat caught in the shafting of a saw mill and he was literally torn to pieces.

Two children of George Coakley, living near Tiff City, Ark., in the absence of their parents got into a pig pen to play with the pigs, where a vicious sow killed and ate both.

Thomas Stewart shot and instantly killed Wm. Albright near Pleasant View, Tenn., last week.

Don't Neglect Your Liver.

Liver troubles quickly result in serious complications, and the man who neglects his liver has little regard for health. A bottle of Browns' Iron Bitters now and then will keep the liver in perfect order. If the disease has developed, Browns' Iron Bitters will cure it permanently. Strength and vitality always follow its use. For sale by all dealers.

Citation.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Collin county, greeting: You are hereby commanded that by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the county of Collin, if there be a newspaper published in said county (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published), for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon W. H. Hawkins, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Collin at the court house thereof, in the city of McKinney on the sixth Monday after the first Monday in February, the same being the 21st day of March, 1898, file number being 4677, then and there to answer the petition of Cinthia Hawkins filed in said court on the 14th day of Dec., A. D. 1897, against the said W. H. Hawkins and alleging in substance as follows, to wit: That heretofore to wit: On the — day of 1886 plaintiff was a resident citizen of Collin county and has continuously since that time resided in said county and state of Texas. About the last named day and date plaintiff and defendent were married and lived together until about the 11th day of June, 1894, when defendent abandoned plaintiff with the intention of permanent abandonment and has since been separate and apart from plaintiff. Premises considered plaintiff prays citation issue to defendant and on final hearing she be granted a divorce, and that her maiden name, Cinthia Fitch, be restored to her.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court in McKinney, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1897. Attest E. R. Hall, Clerk District Court, Collin County, Texas. (seal)

Cancer Of the Face.

Mrs. Laura E. Mims, of Smithville, Ga., says: "A small pimple of a strawberry color appeared on my cheek; it soon began to grow rapidly, notwithstanding all efforts to check it. My eye became terribly inflamed, and was so swollen that for quite a while I could not see. The doctors said I had Cancer of the most malignant type, and after exhausting their efforts without doing me any good, they gave up the case as hopeless. When informed that my father had died from the same disease, they said I must die, as hereditary Cancer was incurable.

"At this crisis, I was advised to try S.S.S., and in a short while the Cancer began to discharge and continued to do so for three months, then it began to heal. I continued the medicine a while longer until the Cancer disappeared entirely. This was several years ago and there has been no return of the disease."

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County Court.

County court convened Monday, Dec. 13th, 1897, with all officers of the court being present. The following is a correct list of the jurors for the week. The Courier made some mistakes in publishing these names.

J. H. Cosby, S. A. Foster, G. C. Massie, Burl Massie, R. A. McLarry, A. S. Graves, Scott Allison, Jess Warden, J. M. Malone, A. P. Mills, Wick Graves and J. W. Patterson.

The following proceeding were had towit:

CRIMINAL DOCKET.

State vs Tom Anderson, theft, dismissed.

State vs J. W. Bailey, theft, bond forfeited.

State vs Geo. Alexander, carrying arms, dismissed.

State vs Jake Davis, carrying arm, fine $25.00.

State vs Doss Golden, violating local option law, not guilty.

State vs Tom Wright, gaming, fine $15.00.

State vs J. A. Evans, practicing law without license, fine $7.50.

State vs Jno. Baumgardner, aggravated assault and battery, fined $25.

State vs W. H. Harris, violating local option law, dismissed.

State vs J. P. Fox, aggravated assault, fine $25.

State vs Jim Anderson, gaming, fine $10.

State vs Claud Branch, theft, dismissed.

State vs Ben Burn, violating local option law, fine $25 and 25 days in jail.

State vs Riley Medlen, aggravated assault, not guilty.

State vs Jim Lawson, aggravated assault, fined $25.

State vs Lon Oglesby, gaming, fine $10.

State vs Ferd McDonald, aggravated assault, not guilty.

State vs J. T. Evans, wounding stock, not guilty.

State vs Bill Burks, carrying arms, fine $25.

State vs John Aiken, A. A. and B. dismissed.

State vs John Aiken, carrying arms, dismissed.

State vs J A Evans, embezzlement, not guilty.

State vs J C McCullough, aggravated assault, not guilty.

State vs Lum Burns, violating local option law, fined $25 and 20 days in jail; two cases.

State vs Sallie Millican, appealed from justice court No. 2; fined $25 and 3 months in jail.

State vs Will Bowen, appeal from justice court No, 5; fined $5

State vs Bob Kendrick, disturbing peace, fined $10.

State vs Allen Rhine, disturbing the peace, appeal dismissed and writ of procedendo ordered.

CIVIL DOCKET.

Wylie & Johnson vs A L Miles et al, judgment by default for $250.36.

J S Rike vs W H Slater, judgment by default for $525 64.

First Natl Bank of McKinney, Tex. vs T P Turner, et al., judgment by default for $564.65.

J B Engleman vs W T Kirby, judgment for plaintiff for $203 80 and foreclosure of landlord's lien.

Mrs M E Diebrell vs J N McKinney, dismissed.

A J Streeter vs O L Woodall et al, order reviving judgment and execution ordered.

T W Leverett vs N S Higgs, judgment for plaintiff.

W E Jones vs T B Elass, judgment for amount of note, interest, attorney's fees and foreclosure of landlord's lien.

State of Texas vs Boss Stansel and H H Compton, judgment for plaintiff on forfeited bond.

Renner Roller Mills vs St Louis and Southwestern Railway Co, judgment for defendant.

J L White vs T C White et al, case dismissed and plaintiff gives notice of appeal.

PROBATE DOCKET.

W A Curry, guardian of Stanley McCollum, minor. Final report rejected.

Estate of Tilda Brown, will probated, Rans Brown appointed executor without bond, Will Everett, Tom Franklin and Arch Wilson appointed appraisers.

O H Kirkpatrick, guardian of Chas Seal et al, minors; application to require guardian to file report granted.

Dr J F Burt, application to be appointed guardian of Tilman Groves, minor, rejected.

J G Davis, administrator estate of J L Davis, deceased, annual report approved and $500 allowed.

Mrs Lee Bates, guardian of Bates heirs, reports approved.

H E Nellon, guardian of Emily Gallagher, minor, annual report approved.

R W Prater, administrator estate of Mrs M E Mann, report approved.

T J Patillo, guardian Avner Buck et al, minors, 3rd annual report approved.

A H Fortner, guardian Jimmie Byers, minor, 4th annual report approved.

Mary F Tarpley, guardian of Clay Tarpley et al, minors, annual report approved.

A T Robertson, guardian of Lena Cutts et al, minors, annual report approved.

J W St Clair, guardian of Mary St Clair et al, minors, report approved.

J H Bowman, guardian of Thos C Dyer, minor, 1st report approved.

Estate of T D Howard, deceased, application to set aside homestead granted.

R T Seay, guardian of Cassie Seay, minor, 2nd annual report approved.

John Church appointed administrator of the estate of W R H Mack, bond fixed at $2,000.

Final report of W N Pedigo, guardian of M D Thurman et al, minors, approved and guardian discharged.

J M Stubblefield appointed guardian of W L Stubblefield, non compus mentis, bond fixed at $2500.

Geo W Phillips, guardian of Lucile Phillips, minor, application to sell land granted.

R C White appointed guardian of Robert Baxter, minor, bond $400.

Mrs. Bettie G Portman appointed guardian of Geo Jones, minor, bond $1000.

R C White, administrator of M Miller, deceased, inventory approved.

Estate of W J Howard, will probated and W M Howard and R L Howard appointed executors.

Application of Mrs S C Pendleton to set aside bequest in will of Chas Robinson, dismissed, granted. W T Pryor excepts and gives notice of appeal.

Mrs M S Howell appointed guardian [illegible] will probated and Crocket Lewis and T Lewis appointed executors, bond $6,000.

J H Ferguson appointed guardian of Maggie and Mary White, minors, bond $50,000.00.

F C Robinson appointed guardian of Aston Robinson, minor, bond $1000. Bond and oath approved.

R F Dowell appointed guardian of Annie Dowell, minor, bond $4000.

J L Brown appointed temporary administrator of estate of W A Kincaid, deceased. Bond $1200. Bond and oath approved.

Motion to make allowance to Nettie M Calloway et al, minors, granted.

J E Moore, guardian, Reno Moore, minor, application to require guardian to file final report granted.

There will be no court next week and Deputy Sheriff Horn requests THE GAZETTE reporter to say that the jury summoned for that week need not appear.

FARMERSVILLE BUDGET.

Golden Wedding Celebration--School Suspended For H lidays--Feats of Nimrods.

Farmeasville, Tex., Dec. 21, '97.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton Honaker celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage, last Wednesday, the 16th inst. A large number of relatives and friends assembled at their residence and no doubt went away wishing them many years yet, in which to enjoy the life, which thus far, they have spent so profitably and well.

For several days the weather has been the worst known for years, so say those who have lived here longest.

Last Saturday night an altercation occurred between T. E. Ball and a Mr. Harvey, at the former's residence in this city. Mr. Ball was struck with something supposed to be "knucks" and quite seriously hurt.

Saturday night the ice which had formed on the telegraph wires became so heavy that the poles were broken off, and the section force on the Santa Fe were kept busy all night getting the wires in shape for communication.

A house of W. B. Odom, formerly owned by Wm. Wilcoxson, about one mile south of town, burned Wednesday night of last week. Mr. Joins had just moved out the day before.

Mr. Vice who lived here several years ago was in our city a day or two last week.

We are sorry to state that Wm. Daniels, who has been in bad [illegible]

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Sid Hicks moved last Friday to his new home near Bear Pen.

Farmersville can boast of modern nimrods. A party of our townsmen, consisting of Dan and Will Neathery, John Box and Sid Nelson, went gunning for a panther and killed a large wild cat last week. The panther was seen and one of the boys shot it but i escaped near Grassy lake.

Miss Blanche Battle will return home this week to spend the holidays with her parents.

J. P. Haislip's little girl has been sick the past week.

Mrs. Will Hazel has lately received some nice presents from her mother, Mrs. Forsyth, in California.

Landrum Chapman has a new boy at his home. He arrived last Monday evening and will keep things lively during the holidays.

The young people of our town will be happy Christmas eve. The Baptists are to have a "Log Cabin," the Methodists a Christmas tree, and the Presbyterians, we understand, are preparing to have an "elevator." Now young people do not forget those who would appreciate a little deed of kindness. ORIENT.

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San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 23.—the steamer China, which arrived this morning from the Orient via Honolulu, made the quickest trip on record, not only between Yokohama and Honolulu, but between Honolulu and San Francisco. The ship was detained nineteen hours and thirty-six minutes at Honolulu, and from Yokohama to this port, including this delay, she made the trip in fourteen days 12 hours and 18 minutes. The passage from the island was made in 5 days 7 hours and 41 minutes. At one period of the voyage 18.85 knots was averaged for four hours. All previous records of the speedy liners were beaten by 1 day 1 hour and 40 minutes.

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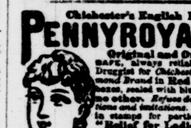

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